

# **Parent Representation Advisory Committee (P-RAC)**

## **ILS Parental Representation Advisory Council (“P-RAC”)**

In furtherance of its statutory mission to “monitor, study and make efforts to improve the quality” of public defense in New York, ILS established the Parental Representation Advisory to support community-building among providers from around the state and to provide a direct forum for consultation, empowerment, and collaboration with ILS to influence local and statewide policy and practice relevant to the quality of publicly funded parental legal representation pursuant to the Family Court Act. The PRAC had its first meeting on August 30, 2018.

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